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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kelli Garvanian on  
4 the occasion of her retirement after nearly 23 years of service  
5 as an elected park board commissioner; and

6           WHEREAS, In 1982, Kelli Garvanian began her volunteer  
7 service to the Vernon Hills community when she was appointed to  
8 the Park Board's Citizen's Advisory Committee, formerly known  
9 as the Recreation Committee; her volunteer service allowed the  
10 Park Board to enhance its communications with local residents  
11 and to ensure that all resident concerns, ideas, and  
12 suggestions were thoroughly considered and acted upon by the  
13 Park Board and staff; and

14           WHEREAS, Her volunteer service was a precursor to her  
15 election to the Park Board in 1985; her vision over the years  
16 has been to develop the best instruments to communicate with  
17 the public, including establishing a website, video taping  
18 Board meetings to be aired on the public access channel, and  
19 updating the District's master plan and making it available to  
20 all residents; her passions also included improving the quality  
21 of life for the residents of her community through establishing  
22 recreation opportunities and facilities, protecting open land,  
23 and acquiring park space; and

1           WHEREAS, Her first major project for the Park District was  
2 to acquire land to build a respectable community center as a  
3 central recreation hub without a referendum; through her hard  
4 work, dedication, and tiresome campaign, she was able to  
5 convince a land owner to sell property to the Park District;  
6 she further lobbied new developers to donate land to the Park  
7 District to create neighborhood parks throughout the  
8 District's boundaries; over the years, the Park District has  
9 developed 22 parks, all from donated land; and

10           WHEREAS, She is actively involved in reviewing, updating,  
11 and implementing new policies that affect staff and the  
12 community; she has been able to address all angles of policies  
13 to ensure that equal attention is paid to all persons involved;  
14 her commitment to young people was demonstrated through her  
15 involvement in the Hawthorn School District PTO; she served as  
16 a voice for all parents, participated in fundraising efforts,  
17 and volunteered effortlessly while her son was in grade school;  
18 she later became involved in a local soccer program and the  
19 local high school athletics program; and

20           WHEREAS, Kelli divides her personal time between  
21 volunteering in the community, being actively involved in her  
22 children's activities, and now enjoying her large extended  
23 family; at the same time, she still travels throughout the

1 country as a Fraud Specialist for her company; Kelli regularly  
2 attended GLMV Chamber events, networking with local business  
3 owners and informing community leaders about the Park District;  
4 her dedication to the importance of parks and recreation led  
5 her to become involved in the Illinois Association of Park  
6 Districts; she served on the IAPD Board from 1996 to 2000;  
7 Kelli served on three IAPD Committees: Fund Raising Task Force,  
8 Honors & Resolutions, and Seminars; and she also served on four  
9 IAPD Joint Committees: Joint Conference (Co-Chair), Joint  
10 Continuing Education (Co-Chair), Joint Legislative (Co-Chair),  
11 and Joint Publications (Co-Chair); and

12 WHEREAS, For over two decades, Kelli has participated in  
13 the IPRA Conference; for twenty-two years, she has dedicated  
14 herself to the residents of the Vernon Hills Park District; her  
15 future vision holds promise that the Park District will  
16 continually grow in an environmentally responsible manner,  
17 providing additional play space, protecting the prairies and  
18 wetlands, erecting the safest play structures, and providing  
19 stimulating recreation programs for all ages and abilities;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
23 thank Kelli Garvanian for her dedication to the people and the  
24 community of Vernon Hills and wish her well in her retirement

1 and all future endeavors; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Kelli Garvanian as a symbol of our respect.